

“POINTS OF DISPENSING”
10 QUICK FACTS ON EMERGENCY MEDICATION DISPENSING

1. If a bioterrorist attack or widespread disease outbreak event occurs, **Waukesha County will open temporary emergency Points of Dispensing (PODs) or mass clinic sites to provide emergency medication** to protect against the threat.
2. **Medication will be free.** No one will be billed or asked for insurance.
3. **Personal identification will NOT be required.** No one will be asked about immigration status.
4. PODs will only provide medication to prevent the disease threat. They will NOT give out other medications or provide medical care.
5. **PODs will not treat sick people.** People will be told to go to a hospital if they are sick – not a POD.
6. **Everyone will need to be patient.** Because in a biological disaster many people will need medicine, lines will be very long at PODs.
7. **Head of Household (HOH) dispensing** may be used. To facilitate rapid medication dispensing, head of household dispensing allows one person to pick up medication for everyone else residing in their household and family members residing outside the household. This means less people will be coming to the POD because one person can come to the POD and pick up medication for their family. If head of household dispensing is not used or if vaccination is needed, *families will stay together as they go through the POD.*
8. Depending on the threat, certain individuals or groups of people may be at a higher risk, so children, pregnant women, and those who are frail or disabled, may need to be served FIRST.
9. Every effort will be made to provide interpreters at PODs.
10. **Be prepared!** Bring a list of the following for all members of the family:
 - Weight
 - Allergies
 - Medical conditions
 - Regular medications taken